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WASHINGTON, DC—This week, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) greeted members of Delaware Valley Grantmakers in the Capital. The organization represents some of the largest philanthropies in the Delaware Valley.

Congressman Sestak discussed his recently published second addition of the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grants & Resource Directory, a one-stop shop for learning about opportunities to secure project funding. This year's addition contains expanded information on private charities, including from several of the foundations represented in the Delaware Valley Grantmakers meeting.

After contacting a number of Congressional offices and consulting with government websites, Congressman Sestak determined there was no single resource available to educate the public about grants and other federal resources. With this understanding, the Congressman chose to develop a user-friendly resource guide for his constituents, the first of its kind. The director is downloadable from his web site to serve as an aid in searching for funding. A searchable edition was also added this year to the website. Both can be found at www.sestak.house.gov/services2.shtml

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

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